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1. The following schools for the training of military medical personnel are located in Lodz, Ulice Zeligowskiego Nr. 4:

- a. Centrum Wyszkolania Sanitarnego (CWS-Center for Medical Training).
- b. Oficerska Szkola Instruktorow Sanitarnych (Officers School for Instructors in Medical Training).
- c. Centrum Wyszkolania Farmaceutycznego (Center for Training of Chemists).

The head of these establishments is a Soviet General (name unknown). His deputy and the person actually in charge of the training is an old Polish Army Doctor, Colonel (Dr) Edmund Zajackowski.

2. The training of military doctors proceeds normally, so that those medical students who have made up their minds (voluntarily or under pressure) to become military doctors complete two years' study at one of the country's medical academies and, after that, two years at the C.W.S. They are then promoted to the rank of lieutenant jumping the lowest officer rank, and are sent for an indefinite period to military or civilian hospitals to complete their practical medical training. Such candidates for medical training were accepted at the C.W.S. for the first time in 1949; this class graduated this year and produced 68 doctors. In 1952 there will be about 50 doctors and in 1953 and 1954 about 100.
3. A number of medical students with one year left before their civilian doctors' examination at the Akademia Lekarska, and were called up for military service this summer. They are now undergoing a rapid course of training at the C.W.S. and this year will qualify and serve as military doctors. Medical attendants, medical guards, laboratory personnel and other medical personnel are also trained at the C.W.S.
4. The instructors in Medical Training trained in the school under 'b' above appear to be "barber-surgeons" with only one year's training. Since 1947 when this training was initiated the number of "medical officers" qualifying each year has varied between 100 and 150. The training of chemists is said to be carried out with equal rapidity and also to produce approximately 100 to 150 annually.

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